

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art. No amendment is necessitated by the prior art. Claims 1-42 have been deleted. Claims 43-84 are new. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Claims 34 and 42 have been objected to because of certain informalities. Claims 34 and 42 have been cancelled.

35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 8-10, 13-17, 20-22, 25-29, 32-34 and 37-41 are rejected under U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reed, et al. (hereinafter Reed) (US 6,004,205).

Claim 43 recites:

receiving input to change a mailbox, the input comprising a request to change an organizational structure of the mailbox;
making a change to the mailbox in response to the input; and
pushing a message to a wireless client device associated with the mailbox, the message comprising information about the change to the mailbox, wherein the information is used by the wireless client device to synchronize a cached version of the mailbox stored locally in the wireless client device with the mailbox prior to notifying a user of the change to the mailbox.

Reed does not disclose or even suggest pushing a message to a wireless client device, the message comprising information used by the client device to synchronize a cached version of a mailbox with a mailbox stored on a server *prior to notifying a user of the change to the mailbox.* Rather Reed discloses typical **notification** methods in which a SendEmail method causes an **email**

message to be sent to an address specified by the consumer. Other notification methods include sending a message to a consumer. (Reed, cols. 25-26, lines 62-64 and 9-12, respectfully). Moreover, objects sent to consumer computers using the push method are sent as **email messages** or message attachments to the addresses of the recipients. (Reed, col. 26, lines 32-35). The e-mail message is sent in the ordinary manner, using whichever e-mail servers and intermediaries are available (i.e., through the Internet 37), to reach the consumer's e-mail server 31. The consumer's e-mail program 62 retrieves the mail message from its server in the ordinary manner. (Reed, col. 20, lines 51-63, see also Fig. 8).

Although Reed describes **email messaging** and other **notification methods**, Reed fails to disclose pushing a message to a client device, the message comprising information used by the client device to synchronize a cached version of a mailbox with a mailbox stored on a server *prior to notifying a user* of the change to the mailbox.

In the case of email messaging, Reed fails to disclose pushing a message to a client device, as is claimed by Applicant. Rather, in email messaging, the provider program 12 sends the email message to the target consumer's server 31. (Reed, Fig. 8). Accordingly, email messaging fails to disclose pushing a message to a client device.

In the case of other notification methods, a user may be required to be alerted to the notification message prior to synchronization. Typically, a user may receive a notification of a new mail, view the notification page, connect to a session, download email, and disconnect the session. Accordingly, a local

mailbox may be synchronized (downloaded mail) only after the user receives the notification.

Accordingly, email messaging and notification methods, as described by Reed, fail to disclose pushing a message to a client device, the message comprising information used by the client device to synchronize a cached version of a mailbox with a mailbox stored on a server *prior to notifying a user* of the change to the mailbox, as is claimed by Applicant.

Examiner also cites to Reed as describing information transfer using replicated, shared database systems. The basic component of the architecture is an individual database or “forum.” Each forum covers a number of related interest topics under which all forum entries are categorized. All copies of any forum are synchronized throughout the system which data in one copy has been changed. (Reed, cols. 4 - 5, lines 59-67). Additionally, a communications relationship is synchronized between two users. A recipient instance 120 is updated automatically when updates to the recipient’s communication object 110 is received. (Reed, col. 39, lines 16-17 and 29-31).

Although Reed describes synchronization of copies of a **forum**, Reed fails to disclose synchronizing a cached version of a mailbox with a mailbox on the server. A forum, as described by Reed, is a shared database covering related interest topics. As such, a forum is not a mailbox, as is claimed by Applicant. Additionally, Reed discloses synchronizing a **communications relationship**, but fails to show a wireless client device to synchronize mailboxes.

Therefore, claim 43 is not anticipated by Reed, nor is it obvious based on Reed. Independent claims 52, 57, 64, 73, and 78 recite limitations similar to those in claim 43. Accordingly, these claims are also patentable over the cited art for similar reasons.

All of the dependent claims depend from one of the independent claims discussed above and therefore also include the distinguishing claim limitations. As a result, the dependent claims are also patentable.

In view of the above remarks, a specific discussion of the dependent claims is considered to be unnecessary. Therefore, Applicants' silence regarding any dependent claim is not to be interpreted as agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejection of such claim or as waiving any argument regarding the claim.

CONCLUSION

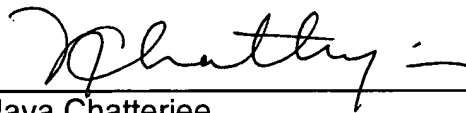
Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Naya Chatterjee at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

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